

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the specification as follows:

Substitute the first full paragraph on page 18 with the following paragraph:

At 412, the signature identifies the specific image format. The loader may, for example, determine if the signature is different from the native signature. If so, it will try to search for an entry in a configuration database that matches the signature. That match identifies the image format. The configuration database is extensible so that additional file format definitions may be added to the database of multiple file format definitions.

Substitute the first full paragraph under the header "Computer Readable Media" on page 27 with the following paragraph:

An implementation of an exemplary extensible loader may be stored on or transmitted across some form of computer readable media. Computer readable media can be any available media that can be accessed by a computer. By way of example, and not limitation, computer readable media may comprise "computer storage media" ~~and "communications media."~~